

TEIGNMOUTH

URBAN AND PORT SANITARY DISTRICT

A N N U A L R E P O R T S


of

THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

and of

THE SANITARY
INSPECTOR.

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MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for the year 1919.

TEIGNMOUTH URBAN SANITARY DISTRICT.

VITAL STATISTICS.

POPULATION. In determining the birth rate and death rate for 1919 one has based one's calculations on the Registrar General's figures for 1918.

According to these figures, the population on which the birth rate is determined is 10054 and that on which the death rate is determined is 8973, the difference in these figures being explained by the number of men on active service.

Both figures show an increase since the previous year, the birth rate population having risen from 9534 to 10054 and the death rate population from 8553 to 8973.

BIRTH RATE. The Number of births registered during the year was 99 (45 males and 54 females) or an increase of 13 compared with 1918. This gives a birth rate of 9.85 per 1000 which is a slight improvement on the previous year (9.02).

A total of 149 deaths gives a death rate of 16.64 compared with 14.49 in 1918.

INFANTILE MORTALITY. A Total of 15 Children under 1 year of age died during the year - 8 males and 5 females. Five of these deaths were due to prematurity and other congenital defects and two were due to violence: these two last cases were unregistered at birth. The infantile death rate is thus 131.31 per 1000 births compared with 95.02 in 1918.

ZYMOTIC MORTALITY. Whooping cough, diphtheria and post-diphtheritic paralysis accounted for one death each.

CANCER. This disease was responsible for 11 deaths compared with 8 in 1918.

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TUBERCULOSIS. 10 deaths were registered during the year compared with 14 in 1918.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Diphtheria. 17 cases were notified during the year compared with 9 in 1918. Two of these cases refused admission into Bitton; of these one occurred in a crowded lodging house during the height of the season without any untoward result.

15 Cases were admitted into the Isolation Hospital with an average stay of 23 days; one case proved fatal on the fourth day after admission. Four of these 15 cases were merely "carriers" and were all discharged after a maximum stay of nine days.

SCARLETINA. 11 cases were notified compared with 21 in the previous year.

9 cases were admitted into Bitton with an average stay of 50 days.

There were no fatal cases.

MEASLES. 49 cases were notified during the year compared with 343 in 1918: 46 of these cases occurred during the last 10 weeks of the year. Owing to the outbreak commencing in the Infant School, it was found advisable to close this school for a fortnight. The compulsory Notification of measles ceased on Dec. 31st

ERYSIPPELAS. 7 cases.

OPHTHALMIA NEONATORUM. 1 case.

Pneumonia, Malaria, Typhoid Fever and Dysentery have become notifiable during the year and the notification of Measles has been rescinded 25 cases of Pneumonia, 4 of Malaria and one of Dysentery have been reported to me.

TUBERCULOSIS. 40 cases (of which 36 were pulmonary) were notified during the year compared with 64 in 1918; these 40 cases include 4 temporary residents.

Ivybank Dispensary has admitted 5 and discharged 5 cases. Hawkmoor Sanatorium has admitted 6 and discharged 9 cases. One case has been admitted to King Edward VII Sanatorium and one discharged from the R. National Sanatorium, Bournemouth.

No case of Typhoid or Cerebro Spinal Fever has been reported.

ISOLATION HOSPITAL

24 cases have been admitted during the year with an average stay of 53 days - Diphtheria 15 cases; Scarletina 9 cases.

The Hospital was empty for the first 28 days of January and again from October 25th to the end of the year.

The Tuberculosis shelters in the grounds have been unoccupied throughout the whole year and, I understand, are now required by the County Council for other parts of the County.

The ward specially kept for admissions from the Port has been empty throughout the year.

MISCELLANEOUS.

I have regularly attended the monthly Council Meetings and the meetings of the Sanitary and Water Committees and I have always met the Sanitary Committee on their visits to the Hospital.

I have regularly furnished the Ministry of Health and the County Medical Officer of Health each week with returns of all Notifiable Diseases that have been reported to me; the returns in connection with the Port Sanitary District have always been blank.

The Secretary of the Infant Welfare Centre has been furnished every month with a list of all the births that have been notified to me by the Registrar or the County Medical Officer of Health.

In the Company of the Sanitary Inspector I have visited from time to time a large number of houses in the District and where necessary have reported the defects found to the Sanitary Committee; the necessary repairs have been undertaken in each case.

Among the most necessary works to be undertaken in the district in the near future, the most important are:-

- a. The provision of a Public Slaughter house.
- b. The provision of an "observation-block" at the Isolation Hospital.
- c. The provision of an efficient Ambulance for the removal of infectious cases to the Hospital.

F. Stanley L. Pigott,
M.B.C.S., L.R.C.P.,
Medical Officer of Health.

March 1920.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SANITARY INSPECTOR FOR THE YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 1919.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE

URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL OF TEIGNMOUTH.

Gentlemen,

I have great pleasure in presenting my Annual Report for the year ending December 1919.

106 houses and premises have been inspected - 82 in Teignmouth and 24 in Shaldon.

The drains of 38 houses in Teignmouth and 12 in Shaldon have been tested with smoke and water; a number were found defective; in some cases new drains were laid, and others put in good repair. I have received 85 complaints in Teignmouth and 24 from Shaldon making a total of 109 complaints. There are two registered Slaughter Houses in the District - one at Giles Hill, the other in Commercial Street. I have paid frequent visits to each, and found them satisfactory. There are two licensed Slaughter Houses in Teignmouth and two at Shaldon. Altogether 85 visits in Teignmouth and 11 at Shaldon have been made to the Slaughter Houses.

The Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milkshops in the district have been inspected by me at intervals, the same being found in a clean condition, the cattle in a healthy state.

The following Food has been collected by me during the year:- 868 lbs. of Bacon, 2 lots of Offal, 2 sides of Mutton, 20 Canterbury Lambs, 36 lbs. of Bacon, 6 Hams, 60 lbs. of Dates and 110 tins of Preserved goods.

The Common Lodging House - 12 Teign Street, has been inspected by me at intervals during the year. The house has been kept in a clean condition and the byelaws adhered to.

During the year 1919 I have inspected the Marine Stores situated in Seaside Street and Chapel Street. As a rule these stores are kept in a fair condition and I have received no complaints

during the year as to nuisances therefrom.

During the year I have attended 11 Meetings of the Sanitary Committee and have presented 11 Reports, also 3 Special Reports.

133 letters and reports have been written in connection with my Department during the year.

I am Gentlemen,

Yours obediently,

(Sgd.) J. DRAKE.

C.R.S.I.

To The CHAIRMAN and MEMBERS of the

TEIGNMOUTH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Gentlemen,

I have inspected the following workshops during the year ending December 1919 in Teignmouth and Shaldon.

All the Bakehouses have been limewashed as required by the Act also several workshops.

Plumbers 5, Tailors 3, Cabinet Makers 4, Painters 6, Upholsterers 5, Carpenters 5, Cycle Works 4, Wheelwrights 3, Blacksmiths 3, Marble Masons 2, Laundries 3, Motor Works 3, Carriage Painters 3, Printer 1, Bakehouses 13, Dressmakers & Milliners 2, Bootmakers 2, Sweetmaker 1, Hairdressers 4, Sadler 1.

TOTAL 73.

Six lists comprising 8 outworkers were received in February and six lists comprising nine outworkers were received in August according to the Act.

Yours obediently,

(Sgd.) J. DRAKE.

C.R.S.I.

Inspector under the Factory & Workshops Act.

To The CHAIRMAN and MEMBERS of the

TEIGNMOUTH FORT SANITARY AUTHORITY.

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Gentlemen,

During the year ending December 31st 1919.

64 vessels have been inspected - 55 of which were foreign.

The forecastles of five vessels were found in a dirty condition. Verbal notices were served to carry out such work as was necessary to be done.

The remaining vessels inspected were found in a fair condition. The water storage was good.

I am Gentlemen,

Yours obediently,

(Sgd.) J. DRAKE.

C.R.S.I.

